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MECHANIZATION PROGRESSES IN BUILDING INDUSTRY

MANY MACHINES UNUSED -- Borba, No 122, 24 May 49

Although construction sites in Yugoslavia are now equipped with a great many machines, these are being utilized to only about 40 percent of capacity.

Almost all the construction sites have cement mixers. There are many cranes, conveyors of various types, elevators, and other machines in use. In large excavation projects, much of the earthwork is done by bulldozers, which release many workers for other tasks. Such highly mechanized equipment as finishers is in use on the Brotherhood and Unity Highway. Powerful rotary culters that do the work of 500 men are being used for excavation projects.

An inventory of all construction machinery was to have been completed by 15 May, but has not yet been finished. Many enterprises could be using machinery that hes been lying in storage, forgotten, for years. Some machinery is unused allegedly because repair parts are not available, although many such parts can now be made in Tugoslavia, even in the smaller machine sher. Proper care of machinery while in use would have kept many machines off the repair list. Ever, machine operator, insofar as possible, should be made responsible for the care and repair of his machine, and each skilled machinist should train an unskilled worker while he works.

NEW PRODUCER OF FARM TOOLS -- Borba, No 122, 24 May 49

The main machine shop for the repair of agricultural machinery in Sombor will begin production of various parts and small hand tools for machinery stations this year. Chains for elevators, chains for binders, and assorted hand tools are already in serial production. Last year many binders remained idle during the harvest season because of a shortage of chains.

So-called brigade buts for housing tractor operators and other farm workers will soon be produced there. These houses on wheels will have modern equipment inside and will have separate kitchens, eating quarters, and sleeping space.

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